

Amendments to the claims:

1 – 39. canceled.

40. (currently amended): A method comprising:

maintaining a list of content items, the list of content items being associated with one or more fingerprints derived from data representing audio or video samples corresponding to the content items;

identifying a subset of the list of content items, **the subset including content items** highlighted as active content items, the subset comprising content items subject to updates;

using a programmed electronic processor, deriving at least one fingerprint from a content item monitored or obtained from a network; and

interrogating the **subset of the** list of content items with the at least one fingerprint to identify the monitored or obtained content item.

41. (previously presented): The method of claim 40 wherein the content items comprise at least audio or video.

42 - 51. canceled.

52. (previously presented): The method of claim 40 wherein said act of deriving comprises deriving two or more fingerprints of the content item.

53. (previously presented): The method of claim 52 wherein said act of interrogating utilizes the two or more fingerprints.

54. (previously presented): The method of claim 40 wherein each item on the list of content items is associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the respective content item itself.

55. (previously presented): The method of claim 40 further comprising, prior to said act of interrogating, updating the subset.

56. (previously presented): A programmed computing device programmed to perform the method of claim 40.

57. (previously presented): A programmed computing device programmed to perform the method of claim 55.

58. (previously presented): A programmed computing system comprising instructions stored in memory, said instructions cause said programmed computing system to perform the method of claim 40.

59. (previously presented): A programmed computing system comprising instructions stored in memory, said instructions cause said programmed computing system to perform the method of claim 40.

60. (previously presented): A programmed computing device programmed to perform the method of claim 52.

61. (previously presented): A programmed computing system comprising instructions stored in memory, said instructions cause said programmed computing system to perform the method of claim 52.

62. (previously presented): A programmed computing device programmed to perform the method of claim 53.

63. (previously presented): A programmed computing system comprising instructions stored in memory, said instructions cause said programmed computing system to perform the method of claim 53.